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SUBJECT: GOH REACTION TO LAND INVASIONS

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1. REFTTEL B DESCRIBED THE FORMATION OF A COMMISSION BY THE CHIEF OF STATE AND THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL EMPOWERED TO MEET WITH INA (NATURAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE) EXECUTIVES AND UNC (NATIONAL CAMPESINO UNION.) INA PUBLISHED A COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 21 CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

A. THE COMMISSION MET WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INA, LT. COLONEL MARIO MALDONADO, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNC TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO RECENT LAND INVASIONS;

B. THE THREE HOUR DISCUSSION INVOLVED A COM-
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PLETE CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS AND

CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROBLEM IN TERMS OF THE
ECONOMY AND NATIONAL SECURITY;

C. THE CONCLUSION WAS REACHED THAT THERE IS NO
BASIS FOR THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF LAND BECUASE
THE LAW CONTAINS MEASURES TO OBTAIN LAND AND,
THEREFORE, THE OCCUPIERS MUST LEAVE THE INVADED
LANDS WITHIN 48 HOURS WHICH STARTED 6:00 P.M. MAY 21;
AND

D. INA REITERATES ITS INTENTION TO ACCELERATE
AGRARIAN REFORM PROCESS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
LAW AND JUSTICE SO THAT THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF
LAND POSSIBLE WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN THE SHORTEST
POSSIBLE TIME.

2. COMMENT: AS POINTED OUT IN REFTELS, UNC VIRTUALLY
CHALLENGED THE GOH TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. THERE IS NO
DOUBT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE
SITUATION AND DOES NOT WANT IT TO LEAD TO A CONFRONT-
ATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE CAMPESINOS. HOW-
EVER, A FAILURE TO PUT AN END TO INVASIONS WITHIN A
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WOULD CALL THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM-
NESS OF RESOLVE INTO QUESTION. THERE IS NO DOUBT
THAT THE LT. COLONELS WANT TO KEEP SUCH A BELIEF
FROM GAINING A FOOTHOLD.
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